

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a controller configured to:
cause sending of a request that in a first entity to, including an information store
configured to store information defining an amount of money for at least one user device, reserve
a portion of said an amount of money be reserved at the first entity, as a reserved portion, the
first entity including an information store configured to store information defining the amount of
money for use by at least one user device, wherein the apparatus is separate from said first entity
and said at least one user device; and

control an allocation of said reserved portion between a plurality of services to be
accessed by said at least one user device induring a session,

wherein the allocation is dynamically controlled after the request is made, ~~wherein the~~
~~apparatus is separate from said first entity and said at least one user device, and wherein the~~
~~controller is configured to allocate~~ such that said reserved portion is allocated between said
plurality of services as required by the services, without dividing said reserved portion into a
plurality of parts between said plurality of services.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 75, wherein dividing
said reserved portion into a plurality of parts comprises dividing said reserved portion into a
plurality of equal parts.

4.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 75, wherein the
controller is further configured to allocate said reserved portion based on at least one of,
service activity, number of services, and a unit cost of said plurality of services.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
controller is further configured to monitor how much of said reserved portion has been used.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the controller is further configured to monitor said reserved amount by periodically determining how much of said reserved portion each of said plurality of services have used to provide a plurality of values and summing the plurality of values.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the controller is further configured to monitor how much of said reserved portion has been used by using information defining a cost of said plurality of services.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said information comprises a cost for one of a data or time unit.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when said reserved portion is used up or has been at least partially used up a further portion of said amount of money is reservable.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information store comprises one of, a monetary value, a data amount representative of said amount of money, a time representative of said amount of money, and an amount of a service access parameter.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of services comprises an internet service.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of entities.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein said plurality of entities comprises at least one of a traffic analyzer and a credit controller.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a credit controller.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a storage configured to store information relating to a cost of said plurality of services.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a controller configured to:
cause sending of a request for a reservation of a portion of an amount of money as a reserved portion, the amount of money being defined by information stored at a first entity;
receive from said first entity information defining an amount of said reserved portion,
said information defining said amount of said reserved portion in a first form other than a monetary amount;
convert ~~the information relating to~~ defining said amount of said reserved portion in the first form to a second form as a monetary amount of said reserved portion; and
dynamically control an allocation of said monetary amount between a plurality of services to be accessed simultaneously by a user device such that said monetary amount is allocated between said plurality of services as required by the services, without dividing said monetary amount into a plurality of parts between said plurality of services.

22 – 23 (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the first form is one of a cost for a unit amount or a payment parameter of at least one service of said plurality of services.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein said payment parameter is data volume, time, or service parameter of at least one service of said plurality of services.

26 – 27 (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein said information in said first form comprises said unit amount.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said controller is further configured to convert said unit amount to a corresponding monetary amount to provide said second form.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, which is configured to operate in accordance with a remote authentication dial-in user service (RADIUS) protocol.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first form comprises at least one of time, data volume, or service access parameter.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 32, wherein said service access parameter comprises at least one of number of clicks or number of accesses.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
cause sending of a request~~ing a first entity~~ for a portion of ~~said an~~ amount of money to be reserved as a reserved portion to a first entity, the causing of the sending being performed by at
~~the first entity~~ at a controller that is separate from said first entity and at least one user device, the first entity storing information defining ~~an the~~ amount of money for use by at least one user device; and

dynamically controlling, at said controller, an allocation of said reserved portion between a plurality of services to be accessed ~~induring~~ a session after the requesting to the first entity, wherein the controlling comprises allocating said reserved portion between said plurality of services as required by the services, without dividing said reserved portion into a plurality of parts between said plurality of services.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

cause sending of a requesting for a reservation of a portion of an amount of money as a reserved portion, the amount of money being defined for at least one user device by stored information;

receiving, at a controller configured to allocate ~~at~~the reserved portion between a plurality of services to be accessed simultaneously, information defining an amount of said reserved portion, said information defining said amount of said reserved portion in a first form other than a monetary amount;~~and~~

converting the information ~~relating to~~defining said amount of said reserved portion in the first form to a second form as a monetary amount of said reserved portion; ~~and then~~

dynamically allocating said monetary amount between said plurality of services to be accessed simultaneously by the at least one user device such that said monetary amount is allocated between said plurality of services as required by the services, without dividing said monetary amount into a plurality of parts between said plurality of services.

38 – 47 (Cancelled)

48. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 76, wherein said dividing said reserved portion into a plurality of parts comprises dividing said reserved portion into a plurality of equal parts.

49 – 51 (Cancelled)

52. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 76, wherein said reserved portion is allocated based on at least one of, service activity, number of services, and a unit cost of said plurality of services.

53. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, comprising monitoring how much of said reserved portion has been used.

54. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, comprising monitoring said reserved amount by periodically determining how much of said reserved portion

each of said plurality of services have used to provide a plurality of values and summing the plurality of values.

55. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, comprising monitoring how much of said reserved portion has been used by using information defining a cost of said plurality of services.

56. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein said information comprises a cost for one of a data or time unit.

57. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, comprising reserving a further portion of said amount of money when said reserved portion is used up or has been at least partially used up.

58. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein said information store comprises one of, a monetary value, a data amount representative of said amount of money, a time representative of said amount of money, and an amount of a service access parameter.

59. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein at least one of said plurality of services comprises an internet service.

60. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein said controller comprises a plurality of entities.

61. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 60, wherein said plurality of entities comprises at least one of a traffic analyzer and a credit controller.

62. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein said controller comprises a credit controller.

63. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 37, wherein said first form is one of a cost for a unit amount or a payment parameter of at least one service of said plurality of services.

64. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 63, wherein said payment parameter is data volume, time, or service parameter of at least one service of said plurality of services.

65. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 63, wherein said information in said first form comprises said unit amount.

66. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 65, comprising converting said unit amount to a corresponding monetary amount to provide said second form.

67. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 37, comprising operating said controller in accordance with a remote authentication dial-in user service (RADIUS) protocol.

68. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 37, wherein said first form comprises at least one of time, data volume, or service access parameter.

69. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 68, wherein said service access parameter comprises at least one of number of clicks or number of accesses.

70. (Cancelled)

71. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
means for causing sending of a requesting, at a controller, that ~~in~~ a first entity ~~including~~
~~an information store configured to store information defining an amount of money for at least~~
~~one user device, reserve a portion of said~~an amount of money to be reserved at the first entity, as
a reserved portion, the first entity including an information store configured to store information
defining the amount of money for use by at least one user device, wherein the apparatus is
separate from said first entity and said at least one user device; and

means for, after the request is made, dynamically allocating said reserved portion between a plurality of services as required by the services, without dividing said reserved portion into a plurality of parts between said plurality of services;

wherein said plurality of services is a plurality of services to be accessed by said at least one user device ~~in~~during a session,

and wherein the controller is separate ~~to~~from said first entity and said at least one user device.

72. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for causing sending of a request ~~for a~~ reservation of a portion of an amount of money as a reserved portion, the amount of money being defined by information stored at a first entity;

means for receiving from said first entity information defining an amount of said reserved portion, said information defining said amount of said reserved portion in a first form other than a monetary amount;

means for converting the information ~~relating to~~defining said amount of said reserved portion in the first form to a second form as a monetary amount of said reserved portion; and

means for dynamically controlling an allocation of said monetary amount between a plurality of services to be accessed simultaneously by a user device such that said monetary amount is allocated between said plurality of services as required by the services, without dividing said monetary amount into a plurality of parts between said plurality of services.

73 – 74 (Cancelled)

75. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a controller configured to:

cause sending of a request that in a first entity, including an information store configured to store information defining an amount of money for at least one user device, reserve a portion of said an amount of money be reserved at the first entity, as a reserved portion, the first entity including an information store configured to store information defining the amount of money for use by at least one user device, wherein the apparatus is separate from said first entity and said at least one user device; and

after the request is made, divide said reserved portion into a plurality of parts between said plurality of services, and dynamically reallocate a remainder of said reserved portion between said plurality of services when at least one of said plurality of services uses up its part of said reserved portion; and

wherein the apparatus is separate from said first entity.

76. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

cause sending of a requesting a first entity, the first entity storing information defining an amount of money for at least one user device, for a portion of said an amount of money to be reserved as a reserved portion to a first entity, the causing of the sending being performed by -at the first entity, at a controller that is separate from said first entity and at least one user device, the first entity storing information defining the amount of money for use by at least one user device; and

after said requesting, dividing said reserved portion into a plurality of parts between said plurality of services; and

dynamically reallocating a remainder of said reserved portion between said plurality of services when at least one of said plurality of services uses up its part of said reserved portion.

77. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller configured to control the allocation of said reserved portion includes being configured to:

calculate utilization components for each service of the plurality of services;

combine the utilization components into an aggregate utilization; and

compare the aggregate utilization to an aggregate threshold associated with the reserved amount.

78. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the controller is further configured to request that the first entity reserve an additional portion of said amount of money based on the comparison between the aggregate utilization and the and the aggregate threshold.